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## Torrance Herald



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# Big Wells Brighten Field's Outlook

## East Palm Street Gets Another 1500 Barrel Producer

Van Allen Well Comes In Without Being Swabbed  
JOUGHLIN 2 IS IN PRODUCER ON EAST REDONDO ROAD MAKES 1250 BARRELS

The Torrance-Lomita field came out of the doldrums this week when six new wells went on production—one of them entering the 1500-barrel class and another joining the production list with a yield of 1250 barrels.

Van Allen's No. 5 on East Palm street, east of Eshelman street in Lomita, came in Wednesday without being swabbed. During the first 24 hours the well flowed 1500 barrels in a sustained stream. Slightly north of the Bankline Oil company's Bethune No. 1, which was brought in last week for 1500 barrels, the new Van Allen producer, with a tubing pressure of 450 pounds and a casing pressure of 700 pounds, adds prestige to the east Lomita district. The well was completed at 3780 feet. In adjacent neighborhood about six more wells are slated for production within the next ten days.

The next best producer of the week was brought in by the Sentinel Oil company on the Joughlin lease, where Joughlin No. 2 is yielding 1250 barrels a day with the high gas pressure characteristic of the territory. Joughlin No. 2 was completed at 3830 feet.

Sentinel's Kettler No. 1, on the south side of the old Redondo road and opposite the March lease, is on production, after having flowed by heads for several days. The well is gradually cleaning itself out and will probably become a 1000-barrel producer. It was drilled to 3812 feet. The oil tests higher than 18 degrees Baume. Gas pressure on the tubing is 120 pounds, on the casing 700 pounds. Production is through a half-inch nipple.

The California Drilling company brought in its East Acacia street well near Eshelman street for 800-barrel production from 3770 feet.

J. F. McMahon's Way No. 1, at Palm and Narbonne, was put on production and is yielding about 500 barrels a day. It was completed at 3775 feet.

Selby and Root's No. 4, at Palm and Narbonne, completed at 3780 feet, is producing about 300 barrels.

The sustained production in the East Redondo road district is evidenced by the steady increase in the yield from Shell's March No. 2.

When first brought in, this well, the first producer on the March lease, yielded about 800 barrels a day. The first of this week it was up to 1000 barrels. Wednesday it yielded 1141 barrels. The gas pressure Thursday was 450 pounds on the tubing and 600 on the casing.

## REALTY BOARD ENDORSES FOUR FOR TRUSTEES

The following resolution was passed by the Torrance District Realty board Thursday: "WHEREAS, We, the Torrance District Realty Board, No. 104, assembled in our regular business meeting this 5th day of March, 1924, appreciate the necessity of using every ounce of our best judgment in the question of election of our new city council, and "WHEREAS, We have given the same our sincere thought; be it and it is "RESOLVED, That we do approve the selection of candidates as follows: R. R. Smith, J. S. Torrance, R. J. Deininger, W. E. Brooks; and be it "RESOLVED, That we will use every honorable effort to elect same to office at our coming election, April 14, 1924. (Signed) M. L. MAY. Approved: "W. A. RENN. Attested: "H. A. TREADWELL, Sec."

## HOLD HEARING ON PROPOSAL MONDAY, 31st

Torrance Trustees Will Consider Sewage Plan Next Week

Acting in accordance with the comprehensive program for sewage disposal proposed for the entire Southland, the board of supervisors has passed a resolution declaring their intention to form a sanitary district in this area. The proposed district will be bounded on the north by the northern limits of Inglewood, on the east by the shoestring strip, on the west by the high ridge of land paralleling the coast about a mile and a half from the sea, and on the south by Point Firmin. It will take in all of Lomita.

Formation of such a district means the construction of a great trunk line sewer to serve the whole district, including the incorporated cities of Inglewood, Hawthorne and Torrance. This trunk sewer would carry refuse far out to sea, after treatment in a disposal plant.

The exact cost of the project has not been announced, but a hearing on the declaration of intention of the supervisors will be held at the Hall of Records building at 10 a. m. Monday, March 31.

Under the law which provides for the formation of the district—a law sponsored by the Fourth District Chamber of Commerce, the board of supervisors may form the district without securing consent from the people of the affected territory. When the district is formed it will be governed by the chairman of the board of trustees of each incorporated city and the chairman of the board of supervisors representing the unincorporated areas.

The action of the board was taken in response to a request from the cities of Hawthorne and Inglewood.

The trustees of the city of Torrance, while favoring the formation of the district as a solution to the certain sewage disposal problem which will arise in the future, wish to ascertain definitely the value to the Dominguez Land company of a quitclaim deed on the sewer farm, before voting to join the proposed district. Mayor Gilbert last Monday appointed George Proctor, P. G. Briney and J. J. Jessup as a committee to consult with the Dominguez Land corporation and to report next Monday night.

It is probable that the Torrance board will be represented at the hearing on March 31, this city's objection to or approval of the proposed district depending on the action of the trustees next Monday night.

## P. E. CONDUCTOR HAS CLOSE CALL ON TOP OF CAR

F. P. Knox, conductor on a Pacific Electric express car, narrowly escaped death of serious injury Thursday noon when the entire current from the P. E. trolley passed through his body and hurled him from the top of the car to the street below.

When the southbound express car stopped near Marcelina street at noon Conductor Knox mounted to the top of the car to fix the trolley. He neglected to take off the rear trolley before putting the front one on. As a result the 600 volts of direct current passed through his body. Knox was held fast, unable to let go. His screams attracted the motorman, who ran to the rear and disconnected the rear trolley. Knox fell from the top of the car to the street. A passing automobilist stopped and took the stunned conductor to the office of Dr. J. S. Lancaster. Knox recovered completely in a few minutes and walked unassisted out of the office. Scores of persons witnessed the drama on top of the street car.

## Observations

Women and Laws—Restrict Immigration—Henry Pays a Dividend—Good Sense in Women's Spring Styles.

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WOMEN are more individualistic than men. Through the ages men have sat at the council tables of tribe, town, city and state, while women have been attending to the highly personal affairs of home. While men have inherited a tendency for collective consideration, women have received from their ancestors a more staunch individuality built by centuries of personal viewpoint.

So law, which is nothing more or less than acceptance of a principle by the mass, means less to women than to men.

Here lies the vast difference between the sexes. The one views life from a personal standpoint, the other more from a mass standpoint. Will this difference fade in the future, after women for centuries have shared with men the problems of mass consideration?

No, not as long as women bear children.

The rights of the mothers of the world transcend mass law.

We may not recognize these rights in theory, but we approve them in practice. Witness the wholesale acquittals by men juries of outraged women who have taken the law into their own hands.

Is there a law higher than that which men write down in books? Most men might answer no.

But women know better.

THE existing immigration restriction law goes out of effect on June 30. Congress is faced with the necessity of passing a new law or else allow the floodgates of America to remain open to the world.

Few thinking Americans will contend that immigration restrictions should be set aside. The United States is like a man who has eaten so much that his digestive organs refuse to assimilate it. We have not yet Americanized and assimilated the millions of foreign-born who have previously been admitted to our country. To allow more to enter, unrestricted, will change our national indigestion from the chronic to the dangerously acute stage.

A new immigration restriction law should be passed. We want no more agitating aliens, who seek asylum in the United States from the woes of Europe and then plot to overthrow the very institutions which attracted them here.

Congress should grant entrance to the intelligent and educated and keep out the ignorant and illiterate. The government should adopt measures to keep a close record of the activities of every immigrant who enters the United States. If they fail to obey our laws they should be sent back to Europe.

There is even much to be said in favor of the contention that every immigrant should, upon landing at our shores, be compelled to take out his first papers.

HENRY FORD'S railway has just paid a dividend of 12 per cent. This despite the fact that employees of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton receive higher wages than employees of any other railway in the world.

Efficiency in any industry depends primarily on the satisfaction of employees with their jobs. Ford discovered that secret a long time ago and has founded his great industrial success upon it.

Ford is not alone in his attempts to humanize industry. Most of the great manufacturers of the country are realizing the importance of the human element. The result is a constant progress toward better living, better homes, happier men and women.

In the middle ages the feudal overlord took pretty good care of his vassals. When crops were lean he fed them anyway. But when times were good most of the benefit went to the man who lived in the castle.

Modern bonus plans, profit-sharing programs and the growing tendency toward insurance against non-employment constitute a great advance in the relation of employer and employee, a long step ahead of feudalism.

Of course, Ford was not the first great captain of industry to humanize his corporations. But he has carried the torch far. In doing so he has accomplished more for the great mass of the American people than he could ever hope to do as President.

That was Thomas Edison's contention when he declared Ford should not run for office. And perhaps it had something to do with the automobile manufacturer's decision to stay out of the race.

HAVE you noticed the new spring styles in women's clothes? Short skirts are coming back. The insistence of American women on sensible garb has won a signal victory over the domination of fashions by Parisian designers. A year or two ago—you'll have to ask some woman the exact date—Paris decreed that skirts should be long. And how the majority of American women hated that decree. More active than their sisters in other parts of the world, American women had learned the comfort of short skirts. And they didn't like the Parisian modes. American good sense has prevailed.

While the company is exploring deeper on March 3, it is also prepared to test out the higher levels with March 4. Whereas the other three wells on the lease have been cemented off slightly below 3600 feet, the company is now preparing to cement March 4 at 3465 feet, in the belief that productive formation has been passed up by every other well in the territory.

Operators are watching the Shell's prospecting program closely. If no bottom water is encountered by March 3, to be completed if possible at 3885 feet, and if a shutoff is obtained on March 4 at 3465 feet, the productive formation will be lengthened by more than 200 feet.

Success of the Shell experiments might mean greatly increased production in a district already characterized by good, steady producers and high gas pressure.

Tests of levels both higher and deeper than those from which production has been sought in the eastern extension of the field are being made by the Shell Oil company on the March lease, north of the old Redondo road and south of Standard's Dominguez property.

There is one producer on the March lease, March No. 2. This well was cemented off at 3612 feet and completed at 3790 feet. It is now producing 1150 barrels a day.

After the completion of March No. 2 the company prospected deeper with March 3, which has been drilled to 3885 feet—75 feet deeper than March 2. Liner is being run in March 3 preparatory to swabbing. If the company gets a clean producer here, without water, other wells in the neighborhood will be completed much deeper than is now the rule.

## 1st National Bank In Big Merger With Pacific Southwest

Transfer Of Stock Broadens Scope Of Local Institution, But Leaves Torrance Men In Management

The merger of the First National Bank of Torrance with the Pacific-Southwest Trust and Savings bank was announced today by Wallace Post, to take effect with the close of business Saturday. Through the decentralized method of control exercised by the Pacific-Southwest, the Torrance bank will remain an independent unit, with the same officers, directors and employees.

The transaction resulting in the merger does not involve a purchase of stock. The stockholders of the First National Bank of Torrance, through an exchange of shares in the First National Bank of Los Angeles, the Pacific-Southwest Trust and Savings bank and the First Securities company, become co-partners in the entire business of the First National-Pacific-Southwest banking group.

The benefit to this community will be felt through the added capital placed at its disposal.

James W. Post, president of the First National of Torrance, becomes Torrance vice-president and manager of the Torrance branch. George W. Neill, vice-president, becomes chairman of the executive board. L. V. Babcock remains as cashier for Torrance. The assistant cashiers are Charles L. LeBoeuf and Robert J. Deininger. The Torrance executive board will be composed of Chairman Neill, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, James W. Post, Wilfred Teal, and Brian K. Welch.

Under the statement of condition of December 31, 1923, the aggregate resources of the First National Bank of Los Angeles and the Pacific-Southwest Trust and Savings bank and the First Securities company were \$263,933,086.77. Under the same call for statements the First National Bank of Torrance showed total resources of \$1,137,469.

The First National Bank of Torrance was organized here in May, 1915, by Judge G. W. Post, J. S. Torrance, George W. Neill, and James W. Post.

Commenting on the merger, Mr. Post said today: "The First National Bank of Torrance has always been distinctly a Torrance institution. Under the merger it will continue as such, for the interests of all of the old stockholders remain as before, their stock being pooled in such a manner that an equitable partnership is established between all of the merged institutions—a partnership in which local officers retain control of local business."

"So the merger widens the scope of the bank and increases its available capital without depriving it of any of its local identity and management."

Advertisements announcing openings of two new business firms appear in this issue of The Herald. Another announcement notes a change in management.

The Herald takes this opportunity to welcome the new firms and the new manager to Torrance and to commend the newly opening concerns to the readers of this newspaper.

John Pederson and Mrs. M. A. May, both well known in Torrance, are starting in the real estate business this week, the firm to be known as the Torrance Realty Exchange, with offices at 1215 El Prado street.

They intend to handle real estate in all its branches and would appreciate listings from property owners who wish to sell or exchange property.

F. O. Arnold, owner of the San Pedro Variety Store, one of the largest stores of its kind in Southern California, has entered the business field in Torrance in the same line. He has taken lease on the right of the Edison company on Marcelina street, and announces his opening for Saturday, March 8.

His opening ad in this issue, which can be found on another page, is full of opening bargains ranging from 5 cents to \$1.49.

Mr. Arnold came to Torrance with his business because of its great future, and expects to remain here. Mrs. L. I. Miller will be the manager of the Torrance store.

Arthur E. Finster, proprietor of the Beacon Drug Store, announces that Mr. L. J. Fournier of Los Angeles has taken over the management of the soda fountain and luncheonette at the store, and will henceforth be responsible for the good things to eat and drink from this popular establishment.

Mr. Fournier has had four years of experience in his line, and promises the best to eat and drink.

ATTEND PRESS CONFERENCE Mrs. Phoebe Milburn and Mrs. Winifred Barnard attended the district press conference of the Federation of Women's Clubs in Los Angeles.

Better Acquaintance Is Promoted by Thursday Night Event

Legion hall Thursday night was the scene of one of the most successful social events ever given in Torrance, when more than 200 business and professional men and their wives enjoyed the first dancing party of the Torrance Business Men's association.

The party was arranged to promote better acquaintance among the business and professional people of Torrance. To this end each person was given a slip on which his name was typewritten. An acquaintance committee saw to it that new residents of the city were made acquainted.

The result was a widening of the acquaintance of every person in attendance, with a resulting benefit to all. Dancing was enjoyed to splendid music. Punch and refreshments were served. The evening was brightened by the tireless activities of the committee in charge, who supervised several special numbers.

L. B. Cutting of Sioux City, Ia., was a caller at the Herald office this week. Mr. Cutting, who is spending the winter in Los Angeles, has property interests here and keeps his subscription to The Herald up to date in order to keep in touch with progress.

U. S. OFFICIAL WILL ATTEND MOOSE RITUAL

E. J. Henning, Assistant Secretary of Labor in Torrance, March 13

Hon. E. J. Henning of San Diego, assistant secretary of labor, will come from Washington, D. C., to attend the installation of Torrance lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, Thursday night, March 13, at Legion hall. The newly organized lodge here will be number 785.

BUSINESS MEN AND EMPLOYEES ENJOY DANCE

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